

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/751,232

Examiner

D. L. Jones

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/10/06 and 9/15/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-10 and 14-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/15/06</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the amendment filed 7/10/06 wherein claims 1-3 and 11-13 are canceled and claims 4-7, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 17-29 are amended.

Note: Claims 4-10 and 14-31 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Beverly Lyman on 9/15/06.

The application has been amended as follows.

Claim 9, line 2, replace 'one of' with -- one of--.

Claim 10, line 2, delete 'ultra small'.

Claim 14, lines 1-2, replace 'a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure' with 'therapy or diagnostic imaging'.

Claim 15, line 2, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 16, line 1, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 17, line 2, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 19, lines 2-3, delete 'or its derivative'.

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Claim 23, line 2, delete 'ultra small'.

Claim 24, lines 1-2, replace '19, 20, 21, 22, or 23' with – 19 or 20 --.

Claim 25, lines 1-2, replace '19, 20, 21, 22, or 23' with – 19 or 20 --.

Claim 25, line 2, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 26, lines 1-2, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 26, line 2, replace '19, 20, 21, 22, or 23' with – 19 or 20 --.

Claim 27, line 1, replace '19, 20, 21, 22, or 23' with – 19 or 20 --.

Claim 27, line 1, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 28, lines 1-2, replace '19, 20, 21, 22, or 23' with – 19 or 20 --.

Claim 29, line 1, replace 'The' with – A --.

Claim 29, line 4, replace 'procedure' with -- therapy or diagnostic imaging --.

Claim 30, line 2, replace 'chosen' with – selected --.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

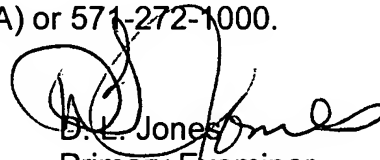
3. Claims 4-10 and 14-31 are allowable over the prior art of record for reasons of record in the office action mailed 4/20/06.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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